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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.40 pm): I rise today to commend the Newman LNP government for delivering upon our election promises to improve public transport for the people of Cleveland. Recently I spoke in this House about the need for more peak-hour train services on the Cleveland line. I am very thankful today for the plans in January to increase the number of peak services that the Minister for Transport and Main Roads and the government have provided—four new peak services.

The increase in these peak services during morning and afternoon peak times on the Cleveland line will make a significant difference for the thousands of people who commute into Brisbane for work every day. This increase in services will mean an extra 450 seats for commuters. This will ease the pressure during the high-volume peak-hour commute. Public transport users can expect improved connections, better reliability and more frequent services, with more than 200 additional train services a day being added to the South-East Queensland network from 20 January next year. The Newman government and the minister are delivering for the people of this great state.

The Cleveland line is an invaluable piece of infrastructure that services not only the electorate of Cleveland but also the whole of Redland City. In the Cleveland electorate alone there are four stations—Birkdale, Wellington Point, Ormiston and Cleveland. Each of these stations services the thousands of Clevelanders who park-and-ride for the commute into Brisbane city. It is estimated that more than 60 per cent of working Clevelanders have to leave the Redlands for Brisbane city for work every day. By improving and upgrading the quality of these services on the Cleveland train line the government is taking pressure off the existing road infrastructure used for that commute, and every new service eases traffic congestion. The government should be commended for this, as it has delivered on the promise of more front-line services by cutting the bureaucratic waste and red tape that was the staple of the former government.

Other significant upgrades to the train services in Cleveland have been the increase in parking spaces at Ormiston station, with an extra 100 car spaces for commuters. The \$1.2 million upgrade of the Cleveland station has improved the quality of the commute for all Redlanders and has also aesthetically improved the already picturesque harbourside precinct in Cleveland. I commend the Newman government and the Minister for Transport and Main Roads for investing in the essential transport infrastructure that keeps Cleveland moving.